

## Letter from Samuel P. Langley to Alexander Graham Bell, October 31, 1902

4 File SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION *Washington, U.S.A* . UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES. BUREAU OF ETHNOLOGY. NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK. ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY. October 31 , 1902. Sir:

It seems to be desirable that a general gathering of the associates and friends of the late Major J. W. Powell, for many years connected with this Institution, should be held in the city of Washington during the winter of 1903, to fittingly commemorate his life and services. It would seem to be appropriate that this institution and the societies in Washington and outside of Washington of which Major Powell was a member, should be invited to send delegates upon this occasion, and that some of them be represented by speakers. In order that the proper arrangements should be made, I venture to suggest the formation of a committee in this city, and ask whether you will act on behalf of the National Geographic Society.

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As it is my desire that such a memorial meeting should be worthy of the occasion and that the persons who may be invited to speak should have ample time to prepare their addresses, I submit as a possible date for the organization of this committee November 17, 1902, at 10:30 A. M., at the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours, SP Langley Secretary. To the President of the National Geographic Society.